

Remarks

The non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2010 notes that prosecution has been re-opened after Appeal, and lists the following new grounds of rejection: claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Wu (U.S. Patent Pub. 2003/0041205) in view of Koker (U.S. Patent No. 6,542,945) and Klein (U.S. Patent No. 5,938,764). In this discussion set forth below, Applicant does not acquiesce to any rejection or averment in this Office Action unless Applicant expressly indicates otherwise.

Applicant respectfully traverses each of the rejections for failing to present a proper combination. By way of this traversal, Applicant reserves the right to pursue similar amendments in the future (*i.e.*, through a continuation application). Notwithstanding, Applicant has introduced amendments consistent with the agreement reached by the Examiner in the telephonic interview of May 26, 2010. The substance of this interview included a discussion of claims 1, 6 and 11 and the Applicant's belief that the proposed modification is illogical because the relied upon embodiment(s) of the primary '205 reference were directed toward storing configuration data in a memory to provide a virtual hub, which would be frustrated by the use of a read-only-memory. Agreement was reached regarding allowability in view of the claim amendments presented herein.

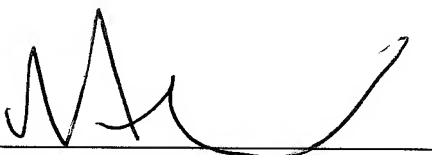
Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1206 "(i)f the examiner determines that an amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance, the examiner may enter the amendment and allow the application." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment be entered and the application be allowed.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063 (or the undersigned).

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